THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) A clearance programme was fixed by the D.D.A. for 15th and 16th December, 1986 for shifting the jhuggies on the land belonging to All India Institute of Medical Sciences near Gautam Nagar. According to a survey of the squatters carried out by the Institute in December, 1985, there were 699 jhuggies at the site though the number of jhuggies at the site happen to be much more. Therefore, a fresh survey was carried out which revealed that there were 1756 jhuggies. The demolition operation was postponed due to non-availability of adequate alternative sites.

Use of Land Allotted to Indian Express

2082. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land on which the Indian Express building was constructed in Delhi was allotted for press purposes only;

(b) if so, what is the actual area used by the Indian Express for press, commercial and other purposes; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As reported by the Land and Development Office, 1.50 lacs sft. was built for newspaper use in 1958. Out of this built up area, one lac sft. was permitted to be used for Commercial use other than permitted newspaper use, after recovering additional premium and revising ground rent. A supplementary lease deed was executed.

In 1979-81, additional built up area was constructed for starting a Hindi Newspaper. The actual built up area constructed was about 102432 sft. The Land and Development Office has reported that in this space, about 65139 sft. is being misused for commercial use, instead of permitted newspaper use.

(c) Notice for recovery of misuse charges and other charges has been issued by Land and Development Office.

CBI Enquiry into Out-of-turn Allotment of Government Accommodations

2083. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI is enquiring into the matter relating to out-of-turn allotment of Government accommodations; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken to prevent such misuse of discretionary powers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telugu Ganga Project

2084. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of funds for the construction of the Telugu Ganga Project;

(b) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu have approached the Central Government for the sanction of funds for that project; and